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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI HIYAMA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/625,843

Filed: July 26, 2000

For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE

) : Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal

) : Group Art Unit: 2615

) : February 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application, as follows, pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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